



Rep. Maureen Walsh, R-Walla Walla



PERSONAL

Maureen Walsh owns Onion World Restaurant located in downtown Walla Walla, and home of the Walla Walla Sweet Onion Sausage. She lives in College Place and has three grown children – Shauna, Patrick and Murphy.

EDUCATION

Maureen has a degree in Commercial Art from the University of Cincinnati.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Maureen has served as state representative since 2005. Before that, she served the 16th District as a legislative aide to Dave Mastin.

LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Walsh sits on two House committees: Early Learning and Human Services as the ranking Republican and Capital Budget.

She also serves on the Legislative Executive Work First Oversight Committee, the Children's Legislative Oversight Committee and the Washington Institute for Public Policy Board of Directors.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Maureen serves as a member of the "Thrive By Five" board, a nonprofit public-private partnership that "works to ensure that all children in Washington are ready to succeed in school and life."

Maureen is an annual donor to the St. Mary's Hospital Gran Fondo local cancer fund, and cooks Walla Walla Sweet Onion Sausages for all of the participants.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Maureen's legislative priorities include creating and preserving jobs, addressing agriculture and water needs; making health care more affordable, preparing students for a changing economy and holding government agencies accountable. She believes these priorities can be addressed while protecting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens with disabilities. Maureen strongly supports early learning programs that empower young parents, and expanding early education opportunities to rural areas in our state.